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 ) DEPROTEINIZED NATURAL )  
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 ) RUBBER LATEX )

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Application No. 2000-198881 - An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
2. Japanese Application No. 2004-099696 - An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
3. Japanese Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 8-253506 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-071408 - An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
5. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-106405 - An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
6. Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-015614 - An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
7. SAITO et al.; "PURIFICATION OF NATURAL RUBBER WITH UREA"; Proceedings of the 16<sup>th</sup> Elastomer Forum of the Society of Rubber Industry, Japan; pages 1-3, (2003). An English-language translation of this document is also enclosed.
8. KAWAHARA et al.; "DEPROTEINIZATION OF NATURAL RUBBER WITH UREA"; Proceedings of the 41<sup>st</sup> Symposium on Adhesion and Adhesives, The Adhesion Society of Japan, pages 1-2, (2003). An English-language translation of this document is also enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents 1 and 2, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.


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